## **CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. A system for determining attributes associated with a telecommunication network circuit, comprising:

a first computer in communication with a second computer, the second computer transmitting a query to the first computer for attributes associated with a telecommunication network circuit, the second computer transmitting to the first computer a telecommunication network circuit ID number;

a database in communication with the first computer, the database having the attributes associated with the telecommunication network circuit stored therein; and

a rules engine for determining the attributes associated with the telecommunication network circuit identified by the telecommunication network circuit ID number.

- 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the second computer is a client and the first computer is a server and the first and second computers are adapted to form a client-server network.
- 3. The system of claim 2, further comprising a legacy system in communication with the first computer.
- 4. The system of claim 3, further comprising a second database in communication with the legacy system.
- 5. The system of claim 4, wherein the second database comprises updated attributes associated with telecommunication network circuits.

- 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the second computer is a CORBA client and the first computer is a CORBA servant and the first and second computers are adapted to form a CORBA based network.
- 7. The system of claim 6, further comprising a legacy system in communication with the first computer.
- 8. The system of claim 7, further comprising a second database in communication with the legacy system.
- 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the second database comprises updated attributes associated with telecommunication network circuits.
  - 10. The system of claim 1, wherein the first computer includes a web server.
- 11. The system of claim 1, wherein the database is populated automatically by the first computer.
- 12. The system of claim 1, wherein the database contains a first look-up-table for storing circuit type rules associated with telecommunication network circuits.
- 13. The system of claim 12, wherein the first look-up-table includes portions selected from the group consisting of a rules portion, a circuit type portion and a circuit class portion.
- 14. The system of claim 1, wherein the database contains a second look-up-table for storing attributes associated with telecommunication network circuits.

- 15. The system of claim 14, wherein the second look-up-table includes portions selected from the group consisting of a circuit type portion, a circuit attribute portion, a min value portion, a max value portion and a default value portion.
- 16. The system of claim 1, wherein the attributes are selected from the group consisting of network circuit capacity, speed escalation, expiration time, serialized, non-serialized, due date, ZLOC address and ALOC address.

## 17. A computer system, comprising:

a server including a software application for executing instructions associated with a software application that utilizes a telecommunication network circuit ID number for determining one or more attributes associated with a telecommunication network circuit;

a client including a second software application for interfacing with a user and transmitting the telecommunication network circuit ID number to the server; and

wherein, the server receives the circuit ID number from the second software application and determines various attributes associated with the network circuit based on the circuit ID number.

- 18. The system of claim 17, further comprising communicating the attributes back to the second software application that performed the query.
- 19. The system of claim 18, further comprising a rules based engine for determining the attributes associated with the telecommunication network circuit based on the network circuit ID number.
- 20. A system for determining attributes associated with a telecommunication network circuit, comprising:

means for transmitting a request for attributes associated with a telecommunication network circuit from a first computer to a second computer, the request including a telecommunication network circuit ID number; and

means for executing a set of rules by the second computer for determining the attributes associated with a telecommunication network circuit type identified by the telecommunication network circuit ID number.

21. A method for determining attributes associated with a telecommunication network circuit, comprising:

transmitting a request for attributes associated with a telecommunication network circuit from a first computer to a second computer, the request including a telecommunication network circuit ID number; and

executing a set of rules by the second computer for determining the attributes associated with a telecommunication network circuit type identified by the telecommunication network circuit ID number.

- 22. The method of claim 21, wherein transmitting a request includes transmitting a plurality of requests to the second computer from a plurality of first computers.
  - 23. The method of claim 21, further comprising automatically updating the attributes.
- 24. The method of claim 21, further comprising storing an initial set of attributes in a database and updating the attributes on a periodic basis.
- 25. The method of claim 21, further comprising parsing a string in a look-up-table for determining a telecommunication network circuit type in accordance with the telecommunication network circuit ID number.

- 26. The method according to claim 25, further comprising retrieving attributes from the look-up-table and providing the attributes to the first computer.
- 27. A method for determining attributes associated with a telecommunication network circuit, comprising:

providing a telecommunication network circuit ID number from a software application to an application server;

retrieving information associated with a telecommunication network circuit based on the telecommunication network circuit ID number from a database, the database being in communication with the application server;

processing the information according to a predetermined set of rules; and returning the information to the software application.

- 28. The method of claim 27, further comprising storing the information in the database.
- 29. The method of claim 27, further comprising determining one or more attributes of a plurality of telecommunication network circuits from a central location.
- 30. The method of claim 27, wherein processing the information according to a predetermined set of rules includes processing the information according to a rules engine utilizing a look-up-table.
- 31. The method of claim 27, wherein processing the information according to a predetermined set of rules includes processing the information according to a rules engine utilizing a plurality of look-up-tables.

32. The method of claim 27, wherein updating the attributes associated with the telecommunication network circuits does not affect the software application.